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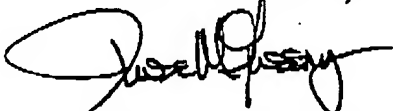
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006 and to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated May 1, 2006, please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

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Amendments to the Abstract.

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Amendments to the Specification.

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Amendments to the Claims.

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Amendments to the Drawings.